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Governor Sidney P. Osborn
State of Arizona
Phoenix, Arizona

My dear Governor:

I have been giving further study to the problem of Japanese evacuees since the Salt Lake City conference last week. The more I think of it the more I am of the opinion that it was unfortunate that we, who represented the various states involved, were not permitted to study the Government's new plan at least for a few hours, and then confer together before being called on to give our opinion about it. This seems especially true in the light of radical changes in the program as originally proposed to me, and I presume to you also, by Mr. Tom Clark a few weeks previously.

In the main, I believe the several states who are most concerned with this problem are in agreement. If we could reduce our general ideas on the subject to a workable program, which safeguards those essentials which we are all working for in behalf of the citizens of our several states, and at the same time recognize the military necessities involved, I believe our combined, considered opinion might bear its proper weight with both the Army and the War Relocation Authority.

With this thought, I have presumed to put together some suggestions as the basis for a plan which I am recommending to the Government by letter today. If you agree that such a procedure is a proper one, I suggest that you work over these ideas, or submit an alternate proposal of your own, with your comments, since any action which we might take will need to be taken at once before the Government's own program becomes unalterably fixed.

Yours sincerely,

Same letter to:

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